

FOOD

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 donations. "We provide food on a one-time-only emergency basis," said Martin Bovee, pastor of the Noxen United Methodist Church. "We call it the Pastor's Pantry. We try to maintain a supply of nonperishable canned goods for emergencies and we always need more food."

If you need food

The Back Mountain Food Pantry
 at the Trucksville United Methodist Church
 Call 696-2917

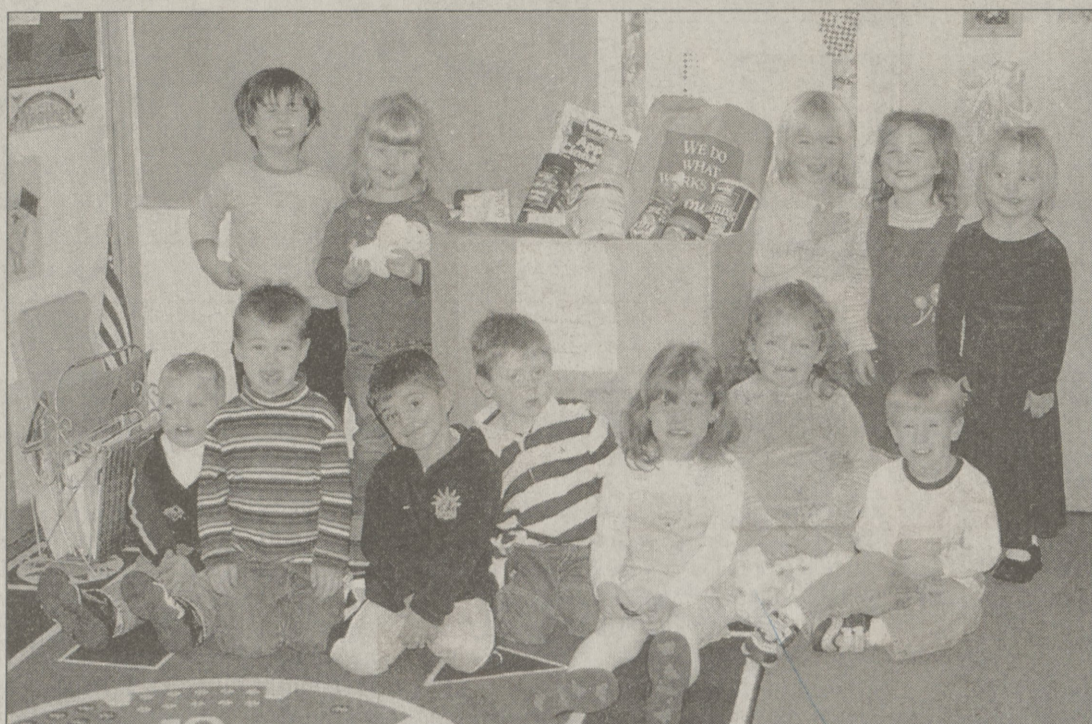
The Pastor's Pantry
 at the Noxen United Methodist Church
 Call 298-2503

Items in demand

Canned meats, stews, pancake mix, syrup, juice, fruits, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, vegetables, and soups.

Food and monetary donations can be made by calling 298-2503.

In addition to a Thanksgiving basket, clients of the Back Mountain Food Pantry receive only one grocery order every two months. With the help of a donation of frozen meat from the Commission on Economic Opportunity and unused, left-over chicken from Trucksville United Methodist Church's fall barbeque, clients have received a bonus in their recent orders, a little bit of meat and poultry.



For several years, the children, parents and teachers at the Trinity Learning Center in Dallas have held a season of Thanksgiving food drive to help the Back Mountain Food Pantry meet the holiday needs of their clients. This year they brought in more than 400 pounds of nonperishable food. From left, seated: Kyle Naugle, Mitchell Rome, Joey Nardone, Justin Frederick, Sami Clarke, Alicia Vincelli, Gregory McDade. Standing: Louis Parente, Madison Federici, Chloe Osborne, Sami Pugh, Jaelyn Shaver.

The Back Mountain Food Pantry always needs nonperishable canned meats and stews. They are currently putting an emphasis on breakfast foods like pancake mix and syrups.

"We dole out tea and coffee, but we really like to have canned juices and fruits. They're more important," said Hazelteine.

Local groups currently collecting food include Student Councils at Dallas Middle School and Dallas High School, athletic groups at College Misericordia, and all member churches in the Back Mountain Ministerium.

Dallas Cub Pack 281 also has been busy collecting and sorting donations. "We took my son

to Gerrity's and let him buy about \$20 worth of food," said Barry Wagner, Webelo den leader. "He pushed the cart around and picked out the items. He was excited to do it. It's the giving month."

To make a donation, volunteer to assist, or for more information, call the Food Pantry at 696-2917.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse:

Paul F. Lumia to Huntsville Real Estate LP, Dallas, \$450,000.

Estate of Carolyn J. Bynon to Amos Swire and spouse, 117 Main St., Dallas, \$15,000.

William Cave and spouse to Cari Brittain, 80 Elizabeth St., Dallas, \$110,000.

Mildred Penman per agent to Paul Hughes, Dallas, \$115,000.

Matthew Slacktish and spouse to Alan Harvey and spouse, 162 Main St., Dallas, \$109,000.

Scott Murray and spouse to Margaret Redmond, Dallas Township, \$136,000.

John E. Halbing III partner to William Cave, Dallas Township, \$41,500.

Joan Daniels to Andrew Hirko and spouse, 86 Church St., Dallas Township, \$130,000.

Lorraine Davis to Richard Hawley and spouse, Orchard View Terrace, Dallas Township, \$195,000.

Edward Pappas and spouse to Neil Bossola, Dallas Township, \$165,000.

Jean Baker to Joseph Mirra and spouse, Dallas Township, \$145,000.

Elizabeth Krupa to Angela Cameron, Dallas Township, \$97,335.

Marina Commons Harveys Lake to Michael D. Kashnicki, Marina Pointe, Harveys Lake, \$179,900.

Marina Commons at Harveys Lake to Oludolapo Kale, Marina Pointe, Harveys Lake, \$248,899.

Marina Commons at Harveys Lake to J. James Stowe and others, Marina Pointe, Harveys Lake, \$225,665.

Leon G. Kern to Raymond L. Kern, Harveys Lake, \$73,000.

Marina Commons at Harveys Lake to Rocy J. Moses, Marina Pointe, Harveys Lake, \$169,900.

Estate of Helen Finarelli to James Kenning and spouse, Harveys Lake, \$74,726.

Mary Beth Search to Cindy Vincent, Harveys Lake, \$62,000.

Matthew Rounds and spouse per sheriff to Fannie Mae, Woodlawn Ave., Harveys Lake, \$1,646.

Heritage Hills Estates to Charles Torr, Jackson Township, \$61,400.

Dean Copely and spouse to John Nesler and spouse, Bulford Farm, Jackson Township, \$344,000.

George Kastenbaum per sheriff to Fannie Mae, 341 Highland Drive, Kingston Township, \$11,208.

Carol S. Kastenbaum per sheriff to Fannie Mae, 341 Highland Drive, Kingston Township, \$11,208.

Jeffrey Evans and spouse per sheriff to Beal Bank, 133 Warden Ave., Kingston Township, \$4,640.

Virginia Lewis per sheriff to Citibank, 198 Maple St., Kingston Township, \$7,161.

Jeffrey Rhoades and spouse to Vera Swenski, 58 N. Lehigh St., Kingston Township, \$110,000.

Salvatore Infantino and spouse to Judd Jarden and spouse, Sunrise Estates, Kingston Township, \$296,000.

Robert G. Keefer to Francis Sweeney and spouse, Midway Manor, Kingston Township, \$139,000.

US Dept. of Veterans Affairs to Elizabeth Moosic, 56 W. Center St., Kingston Township, \$105,000.

Barbara M. Prebola to Jennifer Hoke, Sahdy Lane Birch Ave., Kingston Township, \$85,000.

Karen Rogowicz to Edward Madden and spouse, Kingston Township, \$205,000.

Estate of Jane E. Martin to John Rayeski and spouse, 17 Sunset Drive, Lehman Township, \$133,500.

Robert Ide and spouse to Russell Lansberry and spouse, Olde Road, Lehman Township, \$310,000.

Richard D. Walp trustee to David Walp and others, Lehman Township, \$88,848.

John P. Kupstas and spouse to Jason Klem, Lehman Township, \$35,500.

Peter Allan and spouse to Robert Coslett and spouse, Town & Country Manor, Lehman Township, \$22,500.

Peter Allan and spouse to Eric Coslett and spouse, Town & Country Manor, Lehman Township, \$12,500.

Mary Luzenski to Kathleen H. Drialo, Lehman Township, \$6,500.

Estate of Jane E. Martin to John Rayeski and spouse, 17 Sunset Drive, Lehman Township, \$133,500.

Irene Pucci to David Martin and spouse, Ross Township, \$106,000.

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?
A: Only in The Post

Residents press complaints against halfway house

By CAMILLE FIOTI
 Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. — It was standing room only as residents protested the newly opened Clem-Mar transitional house for women at the Nov. 16 supervisors meeting. The facility is adjacent to The Mountainside Manor assisted living facility, on Route 309.

A major worry for those in attendance is that the women moving into the home will bring drugs, alcohol and trouble with them. The program is designed to help women transition into the community and become productive members of society.

Attorney Jerry Cohen spoke on behalf of Clem-Mar, which operates a similar program in Edwardsville. He was a member of the board of directors for The Magdalena House, another halfway house for women that was planned for the same location earlier this year. He displayed copies of Times Leader articles dated January 13, 2004 and February 3, 2004, noting plans to open The Magdalena

House.

"Did anyone here complain about that then?" he asked the crowd. "A fundraiser was held at the Castle Inn in Dallas," referencing the February article. "No one complained." He said the home did not open because of lack of state funding.

Cohen said that 1,100 clients had passed through Clem-Mar's doors in the last 10 years. "Keep in mind," he said, "that in order to be licensed, the Department of Health has to inspect the facilities. They insure that the staff is qualified and meet their qualifications. They cannot take someone from prison, and they cannot take anyone who is doing drugs. It is strictly voluntary," he said.

He pointed out that the mayor of Edwardsville, a local priest and many business owners are on the board of directors of the Clem-Mar house for men in Edwardsville. "They are a responsible group."

Dr. Joan Greulich, a Dallas pediatrician, asked, "If these ladies are not in transition from drugs, alcohol or prison, then what are they in transition

from?"

Cohen replied, "They're not using druggies. They're not using drugs at the time (they are in the home)."

Fred Whitesell, the original project director at the Edwardsville facility, asked Cohen if the Dallas facility's current license is under Clem-Mar or The Magdalena House. Cohen stated that he believes it is under The Magdalena House.

"That's impossible," said Whitesell. He said it is illegal to transfer a drug and alcohol facility license to another facility. "They presented this as a wellness center, not as a drug and alcohol facility. If they have anything else on their license, then they not only misrepresented this board, but they misrepresented the Department of Health."

Solicitor Tom Brennan said that while the facility, which is in a business district, is not in violation of the township zoning laws, if Department of Health or Department of Drug and Alcohol regulations are violated it is the prerogative of those agencies to enforce the

regulations.

"Everyone has their own area of responsibility. We are trying to respond to your complaints, but we can't go in and say 'We don't like your activity there' if that activity is a lawful activity." Brennan assured the residents that he would contact the DOH to see if the facility is properly licensed and regulated.

In other business:

• Pulverman Enterprises owner Randy Mark announced plans to build a "cocoon" around the sheet metal presses at the Lower Demunds Road plant to control annoying sounds heard by neighbors. Plywood walls and a drywall ceiling will be built around them as recommended by acoustical engineer, Dr. Howard Kingsberry, who conducted a sound study at the plant last week. Mark said he hopes to have the walls done by January and the ceiling done in the spring.

• A decision to vote on a zoning change for a proposed housing development owned by developer, John Halbing was tabled until the next meeting.

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